



Maryland Green Building Council Meeting Summary

Wednesday September 28, 2016 – 10 A.M. -12 P.M.

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building
Conference Room C1A
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401**

Attendees:

Fulya Kocak – MDGBC - Chair
Tom Liebel - MDGBC
Cherise Seals - MDGBC
Nakita Reed - MDGBC
Lisa Ferretto- MDGBC
Christine Varney MDGBC
Stephen Gilliss - DGS
Martha Shrader - USM

Samuel Beirne - MEA
Anne Raines - MDP
Susan Gore - DBM
Laura Armstrong - MDE
Arabia Davis – PSCP
Laura Rogers – MDOT
Mark Beck – USM
Ed Landon – DHCD

Support:

Ellen Robertson - DGS

Guests:

Tonya Zimmerman - MLS
Alicia Moran - AM media + Marketing
Ben Roush – FSI Engineers

I. Greetings / Introductions

- A. Newly appointed Chair Fulya Kocak brought the meeting to order.
- B. Since there are three new public members and four new/relatively new department designees, Ms. Kocak requested extended introductions from everyone present including their background and what they hope to bring to the Council.

II. Chair Kocak requested a motion to approve the meeting summaries from the June and July meetings. No questions or comments were offered and a motion was made to approve the meeting summaries. The Council approved the summaries by voice vote.

III. As a continuation of the introduction of the Council to new members, Stephen Gilliss provided a history and perspective of the Council going back to its beginnings in 2001. A sidebar discussion of codes and the possible future of related green building codes broke out briefly. These will be topics for future meetings.

- IV. Fulya led an exercise with the new Council to look at the future efforts of the Council.
- A. members took a few minutes and wrote their top three priorities for the Council.
- B. Fulya read them aloud, then listed the top three priorities.
1. Energy and operations in existing state buildings. As this is not currently in our legislation we would have to find a way to add this to our mission. It is also unfunded. What simple things can we do to get started ?
 2. Updating regulations and legislation as needed
 - a. Especially in response to LEED v4. This will be a working effort.
 - b. Fulya will lead a v4 overview at the next meeting.
 3. Bringing other councils/workgroups together for collaboration. This was discussed extensively.
 - a. Have town hall collaborative meetings twice a year?
 - b. Anne Raines had previously compiled a list of these councils. It will be distributed again to all members.
 - c. Laura Armstrong also suggested connecting with state agencies.
 - d. Tom Liebel also suggested the home and away meeting concept where leaders from various councils attend each other's meetings and present current efforts.
 - e. Base the collaborations on our priorities.
- C. Other popular ideas included net zero buildings and green building education.
- V. Homework – As part of the previous discussions, Fulya asked Council members to follow up this meeting with several outside homework tasks including:
- A. Review the current version of the High Performance Green Building Program on the Council website. We will be updating it for LEED V4 in the near future. Especially review the current mandatory credits. Review the LEED credit library online.
- B. Review the list of related councils to become familiar with them.
- C. Think of challenges to the priority topics and efforts which are already occurring in these areas.
- VI. Once Around the Table:
- A. Arabia announced that the Executive Director position for the Public School Construction Program is posted on the DBM website. Closing date is October 10, 2016. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to apply.
- B. Lisa Ferretto suggested a quick legislative update being added to the agenda each month. Ellen Robertson stated that there is nothing going on now.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 26, 2016 at **9:00 a.m.** at 100 Community Place, 1st Floor Conf. room B, Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023. **This meeting will be a three hour meeting.**

The preceding is intended as a paraphrase / summary only of the discussions held on this meeting date. Council members are requested to review the summary and notify the writer of any errors, omissions, additions or unintended misrepresentations of the discussion.